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# **Housing Working Committee Meeting Minutes**

Thursday January 21, 2010

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

Cook County Conference Room

Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

Members Present: Sarah Ciampi, Paul Colgan, Beth Dever, Adam Dontz, Nancy Firfer,

David Gravel, Adam Gross, Tammie Grossman, Lisa Kuklinski, Paul Leder, Nicole Nutter, Alan Quick, Steven Schaffer, Joanna Trotter, Geoff

Smith, Tom Tomschin, Lisa Tapper, Linda Young,

Staff Present: Lee Deuben, Ylda Capricciso, Janet Bright, Annie Byrne

**Others Present:** None

#### 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by committee Chair, Nancy Firfer

### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Nancy Firfer announced her new role as housing committee chair.

Calvin Holmes recommended that the housing committee consider meeting every other month instead of on a monthly basis. Lee Deuben explained that as we move into developing plan recommendations that there might be cause to keep the meetings monthly but she did comment that meetings will be cancelled if there is nothing pressing to discuss. Adam Dontz commented that given the current state of the housing market that for the foreseeable future there will be plenty of topics to address at monthly meetings.

The committee welcomed and introduced several new housing committee members including: Sarah Ciampi, McHenry County; Tammie Grossman, Oak Park; Steven Schaffer, Fannie Mae

# 3.0 Approval of Minutes-November 19, 2009

A call for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2009 housing committee, as presented, and a motion was made by Adam Dontz and seconded Paul Leder. All in favor, the motion carried.

# 4.0 Illinois Housing Roundtable 2010 Legislative Priorities: Bob Palmer, Housing Action Illinois

Bob Palmer provided the housing committee with an brief overview of Housing Action Illinois and the Illinois Housing Roundtable. He provided a few handouts that described the state legislative priorities for Illinois in 2010. Most of the priorities were focused on foreclosures including two initiatives that Business and Professional People's in the Public Interest is leading on enhancing municipal authority to address foreclosure by authorizing municipalities to create vacant property ordinance and to hold financial institutions responsible for maintaining properties. Another bill that they are proposing includes collecting a fee on the proceeds of a foreclosure sale for the purposes of creating a foreclosure mediation fund. The committee had many questions about the various bills in particular Lisa Tapper requested more information on the Cook county mediation program and whether or not it was model from Philadelphia. Steve Schaffer asked for some clarification on the server accountability initiative and what the intended outcomes might be.

### 5.0 CMAP 2010 Legislative Discussion: Ylda Capriccioso, CMAP

Ylda Capriccioso provided the committee a brief update on CMAP's major legislative initiative- the Regional Planning Comprehensive Fund. Ylda stated the CMAP is working diligently to get the fund back into the State budget. She also provided a little bit of background on this fund for new committee members.

# 6.0 Neighborhood Stabilization Program Updates: Lee Deuben, CMAP

Lee Deuben announced that much to CMAP's disappointment the regional proposal for NSP2 dollars was not awarded. She commented that CMAP has submitted a letter to HUD Secretary Donovan and requested a debriefing. Lisa Kuklinski added that Mercy Housing was mutually disappointed to discover that they were not funded and that similar action has been taken on their behalf.

Lee Deuben provided a brief recap of the NSP coordinating council meeting which was hosted by CMAP on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Next the committee was provided with brief updates of NSP1 status from Beth Dever on Cook County, Alan Quick on the state, Sarah Ciampi on McHenry County, Lisa Tapper of Lake County.

7.0 ARRA Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Program, Annie Byrne

Annie Byrne provided the Housing committee a brief overview of the recent application that CMAP, in partnership with the cities of Chicago and Rockford and on behalf of our seven-county region, CMAP submitted a \$75 million proposal to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Energy Efficiency Retrofit Ramp-up program. The grant would help fund a strategy we're calling the "Chicago Region Retrofit Ramp-up" (CR3), which takes a comprehensive approach to facilitating retrofits of commercial and residential buildings across the region.

### 8.0 Foreclosure Best Practice Toolkit Update, Adam Gross & Beth Dever

Adam Gross provided the committee an update on the Municipal Best Practices on Mitigating the Impact of Foreclosures manual. The manual will include model ordinances and case studies from around the region of communities taking measures to address vacant buildings as a result of foreclosures. This information will be more extensive on the web and updated on a regular basis as new information and best practices emerge. The guide finished in early 2010 and will be available in print form in early February. manual will involve a large outreach effort including hosting a one day summit to guide municipalities on best practices; providing one-on-one technical assistance to communities to help them institute policy changes and take advantage of the new foreclosure legislation; and wide distribution of the publication.

#### 9.0

Beth Dever quickly recapped the recent "After the Shock Event" an event that was cosponsored by the Urban Land Institute, Metropolis 2020, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, and CMAP. The event attracted over one hundred municipal officials, developers and representatives from the banking industry. Evaluation results from the event indicate that it was overwhelmingly successful. 100% of respondents indicated that they would be interested in follow up discussions between municipalities and the development community. Nicole Nutter commented that in the future the event should be more focused on discussing transit oriented development. Linda Young suggested reaching out to the Center for Transit Oriented development. Paul Leder suggested that there be more perspective from the public side at any follow up events.

#### 6.0 Public Comment

Nicole Nutter announced that the RTA will be hosting a Funding Programs Forum in December which is aimed at developing project selections criteria for the RTA's planning grant programs. She encouraged housing committee members to attend the forum. Lee Deuben said she would forward the invitation from the RTA to committee members.

#### 7.0 Other Comments

There we no other comments

#### 8.0 Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Housing Working Committee is Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 9:00 am in the CMAP offices. However, it is likely that this meeting will be cancelled due to the holiday season. Ms. Deuben indicated that she would send notice.

#### 9.0 Adjournment

A call for a motion to adjourn was made and a motion was made by Paul Colgan and seconded by Nicole Nutter. All in favor the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Deuben